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Applicants: La Monica, et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 2, 2011, in the above-identified application, having a three-month period for response set to expire May 2, 2011.

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

Any fees associated with the submission of this amendment can be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which appears on page 2 of this paper

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